

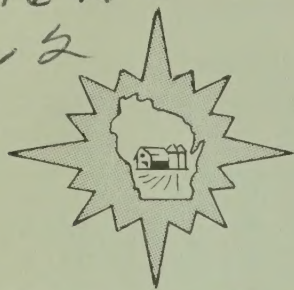
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Cream of the News

Milk production in Wisconsin during 1975 was up 1 percent from 1974 due to higher output in the last quarter of the year.

The index of prices received by Wisconsin farmers as of mid-January was above a month earlier as most agricultural products except poultry increased in price.

Cheese production in Wisconsin and the Nation during 1975 was down from 1974 but output of butter increased.

According to the annual inventory of livestock and poultry on Wisconsin farms, the number of livestock was below a year earlier but the poultry count was higher.

Wholesale prices of 92-score butter at the New York market declined sharply from December to January.

Red meat production in Wisconsin during December was 3 percent below a year earlier as a lower pork output offset higher beef supplies.

Feeder pig prices in Wisconsin declined in the past quarter for the first time since July 1974.

Cold storage stocks of meat in the Nation at the end of January were down 17 percent from a year ago.

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in January are expected to average \$9.85 a hundred-weight, up 4 cents from December and \$2.35 above a year earlier.

Stocks of cheese in cold storage in the Nation at the end of January were 25 percent below the previous year and butter stocks were down 82 percent.

Prices of good grade fed steers at St. Paul and feeder steers at Kansas City declined from December to January but the slaughter cow market improved.

Weekly estimates for January indicated that American cheese production in Wisconsin and the Nation was well above a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION CONTINUES HIGHER

Production of milk on Wisconsin farms during January totaled 1,612 million pounds, an increase of nearly 7 percent from a year earlier and the fourth consecutive month of higher milk production. Although the number of milk cows on farms during January was only slightly more than a year ago, the average production per cow of 890 pounds was 55 pounds above January 1975. Wisconsin's milk output increased seasonally 6 percent from December to January, the same gain as a year earlier.

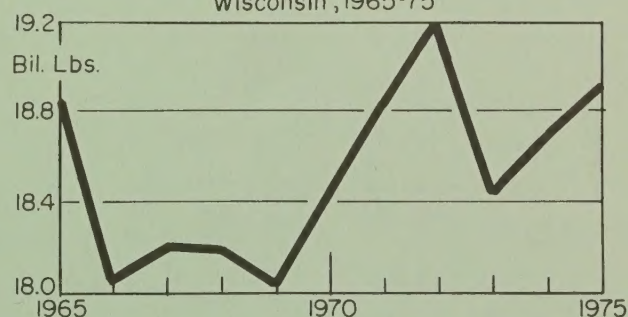
The Nation's milk production of 9,545 million pounds in January was up 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cow numbers on farms were 1 percent under January 1975 but production per cow increased 25 pounds. The January milk-feed price ratio was down from the previous month but well above last year.

Milk Production

Selected States	January 1975	January 1976	Change from last year	Revised Jan.-Dec. 1975
	Million lbs.		Percent	Million lbs.
Wisconsin	1,511	1,612	+ 7	18,900
Minnesota	811	783	- 3	8,946
Iowa	314	318	+ 1	3,916
New York	821	834	+ 2	9,904
Pennsylvania	568	585	+ 3	7,140
California	848	891	+ 5	10,853
Other states	4,506	4,522	n.c.	55,799
United States	9,379	9,545	+ 2	115,458

MILK PRODUCTION

Wisconsin, 1965-75



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MILK PRICES REMAIN HIGHER IN JANUARY

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk sold in January are expected to average \$9.85 a hundredweight. This would be 4 cents higher than the previous month and \$2.35 above January 1975.

Milk prices for December averaged \$9.81 a hundredweight, up 19 cents from November and \$2.48 more than a year earlier. Milkfat content in December averaged 3.84 percent compared with 3.88 percent in December 1974.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$9.96 a hundredweight in December, a gain of 21 cents from the previous month and \$2.30 above a year earlier. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$9.55 a hundredweight for December, an increase of 16 cents from November and \$2.80 higher than December 1974. The spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 41 cents for December compared with 91 cents a year earlier.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	November 1975		December price per cwt.			January 1976 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1974	1975	75/74 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.84	9.62	7.33	9.81	+ 34	9.85
Minnesota	3.74	9.12	6.89	9.36	+ 36	9.10
Iowa	3.81	9.45	7.30	9.90	+ 36	9.90
New York	3.69	10.35	8.10	10.35	+ 28	10.30
California	3.77	9.80	8.73	10.20	+ 17	9.90
United States . . .	3.78	9.99	8.25	10.30	+ 25	10.20
Wis. Utilization						
Market milk	3.83	9.75	7.66	9.96	+ 30	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.85	9.39	6.75	9.55	+ 41	xxx
Creameries	3.82	9.42	6.78	9.60	+ 42	xxx
Cheese factories . .	3.85	9.39	6.75	9.55	+ 41	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.83	- 9.35	6.71	9.52	+ 42	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1975	Dec. 1975 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses	6.62	8.77	8.94	+ 35
Market milk	6.90	8.91	9.08	+ 32
Manufacturing milk	6.16	8.54	8.70	+ 41
Creameries	6.20	8.63	8.84	+ 43
American cheese plants	6.13	8.55	8.72	+ 42
Varied products plants	6.13	8.54	8.72	+ 42
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone . .	7.21	9.23	9.50	+ 32

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

AMERICAN CHEESE PRODUCTION WELL ABOVE JANUARY 1975

Weekly estimates for January indicate that American cheese production was well above a year ago. The Nation's output of American cheese in January was about 18 percent more than the previous year, following a 9 percent gain in December. Wisconsin's production of American cheese for January was about a fifth greater than a year earlier after a 7 percent increase in December.

Weekly estimates indicated that the Nation's butter production during January was 4 percent under the previous year. December's butter output Nationally was down 7 percent from a year earlier. Wisconsin's butter production for January may exceed the 4 percent gain shown in December.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
December . .	82,977	- 7	+ 4	135,551	+ 9	+ 7
Jan.-Dec. . .	975,554	+ 1	+ 8	1,664,540	- 10	- 6
Weeks ending 1976:						
Jan. 8 . . .	23,800	- 1	n. c.	35,000	+ 20	+ 17
Jan. 15 . .	20,000	- 4	+ 12	32,600	+ 17	+ 21
Jan. 22 . .	20,100	- 7	+ 6	34,100	+ 16	+ 19
Jan. 29 . .	20,190	- 5	+ 10	35,640	+ 18	+ 22
Total	84,090	- 4	xxx	137,340	+ 18	xxx

CHEESE PRODUCTION DOWN IN 1975 BUT BUTTER OUTPUT HIGHER

Cheese production in Wisconsin and the Nation during 1975 was down from 1974 but output of butter increased. The Nation's total cheese production of 2.8 billion pounds for 1975 was 4 percent below the previous year. Declines of 10 percent for American cheese and 3 percent for Swiss offset increases of 5 percent for Brick and Muenster, 9 percent for Italian, and 6 percent for all other cheese.

Wisconsin's production of American cheese in 1975 was 6 percent below 1974. Minnesota showed a decline of 2 percent, Iowa was down 33 percent, and all other states made 15 percent less American cheese in 1975 than a year earlier.

Butter production in the Nation during 1975 was up 1 percent from the previous year. Dairy plants in Wisconsin churned 8 percent more butter in 1975 than in 1974. Min-

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nesota's butter output for 1975 was down 5 percent from a year earlier but California and all other states showed a gain of 2 percent.

The Nation's ice cream production in 1975 was 8 percent above 1974. Output of cottage cheese curd for 1975 was up 2 percent from the previous year and creamed cottage cheese production increased 3 percent.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1975	Jan.-Dec. 1975	Change from last year	
				Dec.	Jan.-Dec.
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	17,772	18,400	208,580	+ 4	+ 8
Minnesota	21,094	18,100	221,325	- 14	- 5
California	10,230	10,000	127,620	- 2	+ 2
Other states	40,640	36,477	418,029	- 10	+ 2
United States	89,556	82,977	975,554	- 7	+ 1
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	53,229	56,700	718,100	+ 7	- 6
Minnesota	19,107	23,880	257,881	+ 25	- 2
Iowa	6,549	5,700	74,110	- 13	- 33
Other states	45,999	49,271	614,449	+ 7	- 15
United States	124,884	135,551	1,664,540	+ 9	- 10
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	13,996	13,991	171,016	n. c.	- 3
Brick and Muenster	6,523	6,656	75,662	+ 2	+ 5
Italian	52,888	59,317	657,665	+ 12	+ 9
All other	20,042	22,584	227,032	+ 13	+ 6
Total	93,449	102,548	1,131,375	+ 10	+ 6
ALL CHEESE					
United States	218,333	238,099	2,795,915	+ 9	- 4
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	48,844	51,903	703,798	+ 6	+ 2
Creamed 2/	61,162	65,258	881,492	+ 7	+ 3
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,307	1,200	16,700	- 8	- 2
Illinois	3,218	3,370	45,100	+ 5	+ 2
Iowa	700	900	10,985	+ 29	+ 17
Michigan	2,334	2,750	38,735	+ 18	+ 13
Minnesota	1,799	1,715	28,090	- 5	- 1
Other states	43,129	47,997	704,232	+ 11	+ 9
United States	52,487	57,932	843,842	+ 10	+ 8

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

WHOLESALE BUTTER PRICE DOWN SHARPLY IN JANUARY

Wholesale prices of 92-score butter at the New York market averaged 87.79 cents a pound during January, a decline of nearly 22 cents from the previous month. Despite this sharp drop, wholesale butter prices were more than 20 cents above January 1975.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	January 1975	December 1975	January 1976 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . .	67.67¢	109.52¢	87.79¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/	74.79¢	101.68¢	100.44¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	101.15¢	125.10¢	126.50¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range.	\$11.90-12.51	\$13.20-14.15	\$ — — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	56.73¢	71.17¢	66.04¢

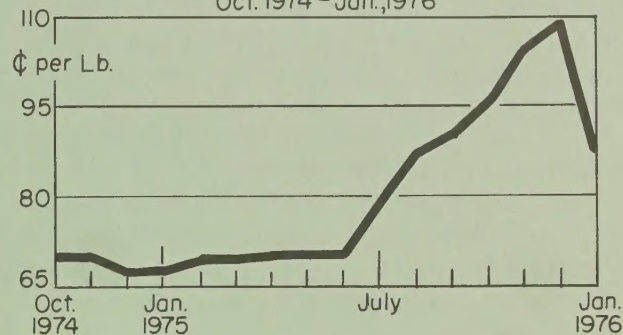
1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged over \$1.00 a pound at Wisconsin assembly points during January. Although this was a decline of more than 1 cent from December, wholesale prices of cheddar cheese were well above a year ago when they averaged 74.79 cents a pound.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged over \$1.26 a pound in January, up nearly 1½ cents from a month earlier and more than 25 cents above last year.

WHOLESALE BUTTER PRICES

Oct. 1974 - Jan., 1976



RED MEAT OUTPUT DOWN

Production of red meat in Wisconsin during December was 3 percent below a year earlier. Although output of beef was up 8 percent, pork production was 22 percent under December 1974.

Slaughtering plants in Wisconsin butchered 137,000 cattle during December, an increase of 10 percent from the previous year. Cattle liveweight averaged 1,063 pounds for December, down 25 pounds from a year earlier.

The December hog slaughter of 225,000 was 23 percent under the previous year and the lowest for that month since 1965. Hogs averaged 249 pounds liveweight in December, 4 pounds heavier than in December 1974.

There were 41,500 calves slaughtered during December, up 10,000 from a year earlier. Average liveweight of calves butchered in December was 136 pounds, a gain of 5 pounds from the previous year. The December sheep and lamb kill of 300 was 200 less than in December 1974.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	December		Change from last year	December	
	1974	1975		1974	1975
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	124.0	137.0	+ 10	134.9	145.6
United States 1/. . .	3,234.5	3,633.0	+ 12	3,311.5	3,612.7
Calves					
Wisconsin	31.5	41.5	+ 32	4.1	5.6
United States 1/. . .	328.4	491.5	+ 50	82.6	137.1
Hogs					
Wisconsin	293.0	225.0	- 23	71.8	56.0
United States 1/. . .	6,672.6	5,840.7	- 12	1,632.4	1,433.6
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin5	.3	- 40	.048	.028
United States 1/. . .	616.9	606.5	- 2	65.2	66.0

1/Excludes Alaska.

MOST FARM PRODUCT PRICES HIGHER IN JANUARY

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for most products except poultry increased from December to January. The index of prices received averaged 602 percent of the 1910-14 base as of mid-January, up 4 points from the previous month and 121 points (25 percent) above a year earlier.

Milk cow prices increased for the fourth consecutive month. At an average of \$510.00 per head on January 15, milk cows were up \$5.00 from December and \$85.00 higher than a year ago.

Slaughter cows averaged \$23.10 a hundredweight in January, an increase of \$2.70 from the previous month and \$6.30 above last year. Steers and heifers declined \$1.00 from December to January but at \$38.00 a hundredweight were \$7.30 more than on January 15, 1975.

Hogs averaged \$46.00 a hundredweight in mid-January, just 10 cents under a month earlier and \$8.10 above January 1975. Calves increased 90 cents from December to January. At \$33.00 a hundredweight for January, calves were \$5.00 higher than last year.

Sheep averaged \$9.40 a hundredweight in January, up \$1.50 from the previous month and \$3.90 above a year earlier. Lambs, at \$43.20 a hundredweight for mid-January, were up 50 cents from December and \$8.70 higher than last year.

Poultry prices declined from December to January. Eggs averaged 52½ cents a dozen in mid-January, down about 4 cents from December but 3 cents above a year ago. Turkeys averaged 36 cents a pound liveweight for January, a decline of 1 cent from the previous month and 2 cents under last year.

Wheat prices averaged \$3.05 a bushel as of mid-January, a gain of 9 cents from December but 80 cents below January 1975. Corn, at \$2.43 a bushel in January, was unchanged from December but 66 cents less than a year earlier.

Oats increased 4 cents from December to January. At \$1.40 a bushel, oats was 10 cents under last year. Soybeans averaged \$4.34 a bushel in mid-January, up 14 cents from the previous month but \$1.78 below a year ago.

Baled alfalfa hay averaged \$50.50 a ton as of January 15, an increase of \$1.00 from December and \$13.50 above the previous year.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Jan. 15, 1974	Jan. 15, 1975	Dec. 15, 1975	Jan. 15, 1976
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	605.00	425.00	505.00	510.00
Steers and heifers . .	Cwt.	38.50	30.70	39.00	38.00
Cows	Cwt.	31.40	16.80	20.40	23.10
Calves	Cwt.	50.60	28.00	32.10	33.00
Hogs	Cwt.	39.10	37.90	46.10	46.00
Sheep	Cwt.	11.10	5.50	7.90	9.40
Lambs	Cwt.	35.00	34.50	42.70	43.20
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.165	.120	.130	.120
Turkeys	Lb.	.350	.380	.370	.360
Eggs	Doz.	.650	.496	.567	.525
Corn	Bu.	2.58	3.09	2.43	2.43
Wheat	Bu.	5.18	3.85	2.96	3.05
Oats	Bu.	1.46	1.50	1.36	1.40
Soybeans	Bu.	5.66	6.12	4.20	4.34
Alfalfa hay, baled .	Ton	32.00	37.00	49.50	50.50

1/Excludes broilers.

MEAT STOCKS REMAIN LOWER

Cold storage stocks of meat in the Nation at the end of January were down 17 percent from a year earlier. Meat stocks have been below the previous year since October 1974.

The 352 million pounds of beef in cold storage on January 31 were 14 percent under a year ago. Beef stocks increased more than 2 million pounds in January but were 55 million pounds less than on January 31, 1975.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat
United States

Commodity	Jan. 31, 1974	Jan. 31, 1975	Dec. 31, 1975	Jan. 31, 1976	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	456,522	393,582	342,397	345,196	- 12
In cure and cured	14,025	13,550	7,357	6,952	- 49
Total	470,547	407,132	349,754	352,148	- 14
Pork:					
Frozen	284,500	279,239	233,723	216,356	- 23
In cooler	15,607	15,148	15,487	19,662	+ 30
Total	300,107	294,387	249,210	236,018	- 20
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	12,706	14,283	10,550	11,147	- 22
Lamb and mutton, frozen	12,465	12,154	11,785	10,686	- 12
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	57,213	66,106	41,512	46,563	- 30
Other meats	15,861	15,369	12,473	13,994	- 9
Total, all meats	868,899	809,431	675,284	670,556	- 17

Pork stocks in cold storage at the end of January totaled 236 million pounds, a decline of 20 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork decreased by 13 million pounds during January and were 58 million pounds below a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION UP IN 1975

Dairy herds in Wisconsin produced 18,900 million pounds of milk during 1975, an increase of 1 percent from 1974. Greater production in the last quarter of the year resulted in the higher milk output for 1975. Production per cow for 1975 averaged 10,430 pounds, up slightly from the previous year. The annual average number of milk cows on Wisconsin farms during 1975 was 1,812,000, an increase of 11,000 from a year earlier. Wisconsin produced almost 16½ percent of the Nation's milk supply in 1975.

Milk production in the Nation during 1975 totaled 115.5 billion pounds, down slightly from 1974. Although milk production per cow in 1975 was up from the previous year, there were fewer milk cows on the Nation's farm. The revised estimates for 1974 and the 1975 estimates are based on an annual review of production and utilization data, along with results of cattle inventory surveys as of the first of the year.

Number of Milk Cows in Herds on Farms, Wisconsin, 1964-75 1/

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual
1,000 head													
1964	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,140	2,139	2,138	2,138	2,138	2,137	2,135	2,139
1965	2,128	2,120	2,110	2,100	2,090	2,080	2,070	2,060	2,050	2,040	2,030	2,020	2,075
1966	2,011	2,003	1,995	1,988	1,981	1,975	1,970	1,965	1,960	1,956	1,952	1,949	1,975
1967	1,946	1,943	1,940	1,937	1,934	1,931	1,928	1,925	1,922	1,919	1,916	1,913	1,930
1968	1,909	1,905	1,900	1,895	1,890	1,885	1,880	1,875	1,869	1,863	1,858	1,853	1,882
1969	1,849	1,846	1,843	1,839	1,836	1,833	1,830	1,827	1,824	1,821	1,818	1,816	1,832
1970	1,815	1,815	1,814	1,814	1,813	1,813	1,812	1,812	1,813	1,813	1,814	1,814	1,814
1971	1,815	1,816	1,817	1,818	1,819	1,821	1,822	1,824	1,826	1,828	1,830	1,832	1,822
1972	1,832	1,832	1,832	1,832	1,832	1,832	1,832	1,831	1,831	1,830	1,829	1,827	1,831
1973	1,825	1,823	1,820	1,817	1,814	1,811	1,808	1,805	1,803	1,801	1,799	1,797	1,810
1974	1,796	1,797	1,798	1,799	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,801	1,803	1,805	1,807	1,809	1,801
1975	1,810	1,810	1,811	1,812	1,813	1,813	1,814	1,813	1,813	1,813	1,812	1,812	1,812

1/Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

Milk Production per Cow, Wisconsin, 1964-75 1/

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual
Pounds													
1964	750	745	840	840	920	885	740	665	620	660	650	735	9,050
1965	785	740	855	860	920	890	775	685	617	630	625	685	9,080
1966	730	690	810	835	900	920	795	725	660	670	660	740	9,140
1967	780	735	820	855	920	925	835	755	690	705	680	740	9,440
1968	785	766	860	880	960	940	846	775	710	715	695	740	9,676
1969	780	745	860	875	975	992	885	810	735	710	700	775	9,853
1970	810	765	890	915	1,000	1,000	905	835	750	766	735	795	10,163
1971	840	795	910	940	1,025	1,005	905	845	770	785	735	790	10,345
1972	835	810	925	940	1,020	1,025	945	870	800	800	739	790	10,500
1973	830	785	910	935	1,000	980	890	820	750	765	730	790	10,189
1974	845	795	920	930	1,015	1,010	925	865	785	780	730	790	10,390
1975	835	790	930	925	995	990	910	860	780	800	775	840	10,430

1/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production on Farms, Wisconsin, 1964-75 1/

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual
Million pounds													
1964	1,605	1,594	1,798	1,798	1,969	1,894	1,583	1,422	1,326	1,411	1,389	1,569	19,358
1965	1,670	1,569	1,804	1,806	1,923	1,851	1,604	1,411	1,265	1,285	1,269	1,384	18,841
1966	1,468	1,382	1,616	1,660	1,783	1,817	1,566	1,425	1,294	1,311	1,288	1,442	18,052
1967	1,518	1,428	1,591	1,656	1,779	1,786	1,610	1,453	1,326	1,353	1,303	1,416	18,219
1968	1,499	1,459	1,634	1,668	1,814	1,772	1,590	1,453	1,327	1,332	1,291	1,371	18,210
1969	1,442	1,375	1,585	1,609	1,790	1,818	1,620	1,480	1,341	1,311	1,273	1,407	18,051
1970	1,470	1,388	1,614	1,660	1,813	1,813	1,640	1,513	1,360	1,389	1,333	1,442	18,435
1971	1,525	1,444	1,653	1,709	1,864	1,830	1,649	1,541	1,406	1,435	1,345	1,447	18,848
1972	1,530	1,484	1,695	1,722	1,869	1,878	1,731	1,593	1,465	1,464	1,352	1,443	19,226
1973	1,515	1,431	1,656	1,699	1,814	1,775	1,609	1,480	1,352	1,378	1,313	1,420	18,442
1974	1,518	1,429	1,654	1,673	1,827	1,818	1,665	1,558	1,415	1,408	1,319	1,429	18,713
1975	1,511	1,430	1,684	1,676	1,804	1,795	1,651	1,559	1,414	1,450	1,404	1,522	18,900

1/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Cows and Milk Production by Months, United States
1973, 1974 and 1975

Month	Milk cows on farms 1/			Milk per cow 2/			Milk production 2/		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
1,000				Pounds			Million pounds		
January	11,597	11,266	11,199	821	828	837	9,525	9,333	9,379
February	11,556	11,249	11,195	773	778	784	8,932	8,755	8,781
March	11,518	11,243	11,189	883	889	896	10,176	9,933	10,021
April	11,471	11,229	11,186	898	902	905	10,298	10,126	10,121
May	11,439	11,216	11,172	957	969	968	10,952	10,865	10,818
June	11,404	11,204	11,153	924	947	936	10,532	10,614	10,435
July	11,369	11,202	11,148	881	908	894	10,014	10,169	9,967
August	11,343	11,206	11,139	837	867	861	9,489	9,710	9,588
September	11,316	11,209	11,128	784	815	815	8,877	9,136	9,068
October	11,306	11,200	11,116	791	812	825	8,948	9,091	9,173
November	11,298	11,197	11,100	760	773	795	8,590	8,658	8,823
December	11,293	11,203	11,091	802	813	837	9,052	9,103	9,284
Annual	11,409	11,219	11,151	10,114	10,300	10,354	115,385	115,553	115,458

1/Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS LOWER BUT POULTRY COUNT UP

According to the annual inventory of livestock and poultry on Wisconsin farms, the number of livestock was below a year earlier but the poultry count was higher.

All cattle and calves totaled 4,550,000 on January 1, 1976, down 2 percent from a year ago and the first decline since 1969. Although milk and beef cow numbers were up, there was a decline in heifers and steers.

Milk cows that have calved numbered 1,812,000 on January 1, an increase of 2,000 from the previous year. Beef cows that have calved totaled 350,000, up 5,000 from January 1, 1975. Beef replacement heifers weighing 500 pounds or more were 15 percent less than a year earlier but milk replacement heifers increased slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 12 percent from January 1 last year but bulls of that weight category were up 9 percent. Heifers, steers, and bulls under 500 pounds were 3 percent fewer than a year ago.

All sheep and lambs on Wisconsin farms January 1 totaled 96,000, a decline of 9 percent from the previous year. Sheep and lambs on feed were equal to a year ago but there were 9,000 less stock sheep.

The 1,150,000 hogs and pigs on Wisconsin farms De-

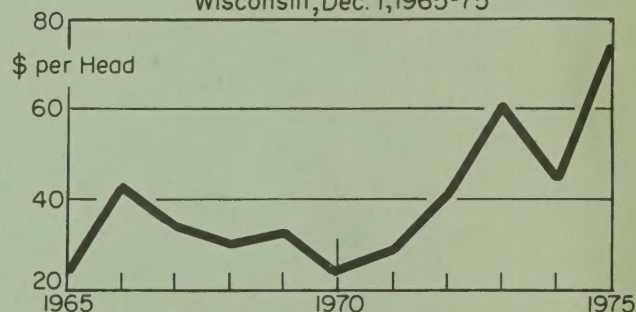
cember 1 were 18 percent under a year earlier and a record low for that date.

All chickens on Wisconsin farms December 1, 1975 were up 1 percent from the previous year despite a 2 percent decline in the number of hens and pullets of laying age. The 84,000 turkey breeder hens in Wisconsin on December 1 were 3,000 more than a year earlier.

The total value of all cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and lambs, chickens, and turkey breeder hens was 24 percent above the previous year, led by a sharp increase in hog values per head.

HOG VALUES PER HEAD

Wisconsin, Dec. 1, 1965-75



Number and Value of Livestock, January 1
Wisconsin

Class of Livestock	Number		Farm value per head		Farm value	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1,000 head		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Cows and heifers that have calved	2,155	2,162	—	—	—	—
Beef cows	345	350	—	—	—	—
Milk cows	1,810	1,812	—	—	—	—
Heifers 500 pounds and over	956	937	—	—	—	—
For beef cow replacement	107	91	—	—	—	—
For milk cow replacement	710	714	—	—	—	—
Other heifers	139	132	—	—	—	—
Steers 500 pounds and over	399	350	—	—	—	—
Bulls 500 pounds and over	46	50	—	—	—	—
Heifers, steers, and bulls under 500 pounds	1,084	1,051	—	—	—	—
All cattle and calves	4,640	4,550	230.00	290.00	1,067,200	1,319,500
Hogs and pigs 1/	1,400	1,150	44.50	73.00	62,300	83,950
Stock sheep and lambs	92	83	—	—	—	—
Ewes 1 year and older	74	66	—	—	—	—
Ewe lambs	13	12	—	—	—	—
Rams and wethers 1 year and older	3	3	—	—	—	—
Wether and ram lambs	2	2	—	—	—	—
Sheep and lambs on feed	13	13	—	—	—	—
All sheep and lambs	105	96	27.50	31.00	2,888	2,976
Hens and pullets of laying age	5,536	5,428	—	—	—	—
Other pullets	1,218	1,390	—	—	—	—
Other chickens	41	61	—	—	—	—
All chickens 1/ 2/	6,795	6,879	1.65	1.85	11,212	12,726
Turkey breeder hens 1/	81	84	10.00	10.00	810	840
Total value	—	—	—	—	1,144,410	1,419,992

United States

Beef cows	45,472	43,743	—	—	—	—
Milk cows	11,211	11,092	—	—	—	—
All other cattle	75,143	73,141	—	—	—	—
All cattle and calves	131,826	127,976	159.00	190.00	20,963,981	24,337,880
Hogs and pigs 1/	55,062	49,602	45.10	80.30	2,481,644	3,982,085
Sheep and lambs	14,512	13,346	30.40	37.20	441,864	496,493
Chickens 1/ 2/	383,579	379,192	1.71	1.74	654,106	659,988
Turkey breeder hens 1/ 3/	2,943	3,044	9.85	10.79	28,989	32,853
Total value	—	—	—	—	24,570,584	29,509,299

1/December 1 previous year. 2/Does not include commercial broilers. 3/U. S. totals are for 26 selected states.

FEEDER PIG PRICES LOWER IN PAST QUARTER

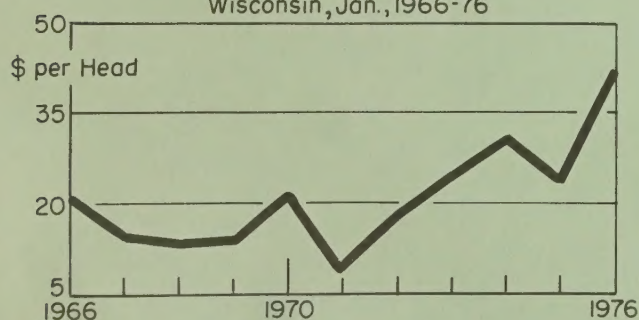
Feeder pig prices in Wisconsin declined during the past quarter. Wisconsin farmers reported paying an average of \$41.00 in January for a feeder pig averaging 41 pounds. This was \$8.40 lower than in October and the first drop in feeder pig prices since July 1974. A year ago the average price for feeder pigs was \$23.60 per head.

Wisconsin Feeder Pig Prices and Weights 1/

Year	January	April	July	October
Dollars per head				
1965	10.50	12.10	13.00	15.15
1966	20.65	20.00	16.60	16.30
1967	14.50	14.75	15.20	14.90
1968	13.70	15.40	15.10	15.20
1969	14.00	16.40	17.80	19.00
1970	21.50	24.50	18.80	12.60
1971	9.35	12.05	12.80	14.30
1972	18.50	21.70	23.30	23.50
1973	24.80	30.90	34.50	32.10
1974	30.70	27.60	17.20	18.20
1975	23.60	37.30	39.80	49.40
1976	41.00			
Pounds per head				
1965	42	40	40	40
1966	41	40	40	41
1967	42	41	41	41
1968	42	40	41	41
1969	41	41	41	41
1970	41	39	40	40
1971	41	40	40	41
1972	41	40	40	40
1973	41	40	40	40
1974	40	39	40	41
1975	41	41	40	41
1976	41			

1/Prices paid by farmers and weights are average for the month as reported by Wisconsin Crop Correspondents.

FEEDER PIG PRICES Wisconsin, Jan., 1966-76



BUTTER AND CHEESE STOCKS WELL BELOW A YEAR AGO

There were less than 10 million pounds of butter in cold storage in the Nation at the end of January, the lowest amount since March 1952. Butter stocks were 82 percent below January 31, 1975. Government butter stocks at 4 million pounds were down 76 percent.

The Nation's total cheese stocks on January 31 were a fourth less than a year earlier. American cheese supplies in cold storage were 27 percent lower than a year ago, while Swiss cheese stocks were down 38 percent and all other cheese showed a decline of 7 percent.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	Jan. 31, 1974	Jan. 31, 1975	Jan. 31, 1976	Change from last year
1,000 pounds				Percent
UNITED STATES				
Butter	51,380	53,746	9,691	- 82
Cheese, American	299,757	417,214	303,034	- 27
Cheese, Swiss	14,863	14,271	8,854	- 38
Cheese, all other	52,130	54,433	50,517	- 7
Cheese, total	366,750	485,918	362,405	- 25
WISCONSIN				
Butter	1,191	3,704	325	- 91
Cheese, American	171,316	223,217	154,247	- 31
GOVERNMENT STOCKS*				
Butter	13,080	17,403	4,246	- 76
Cheese, American	439	1,077	974	- 10

*Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products United States

Commodity	Dec. 31, 1973	Dec. 31, 1974	Dec. 31, 1975	Change from last year
1,000 pounds				Percent
Dried whole milk	5,377	6,419	5,593	- 13
Dried skim milk	75,661	138,078	47,340	- 66
Dried buttermilk	5,715	5,253	3,280	- 38
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/	69,175	79,168	58,607	- 26

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

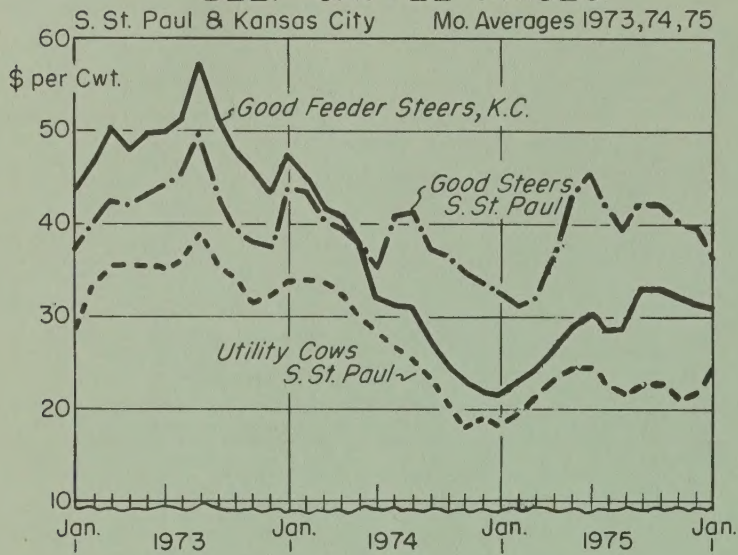
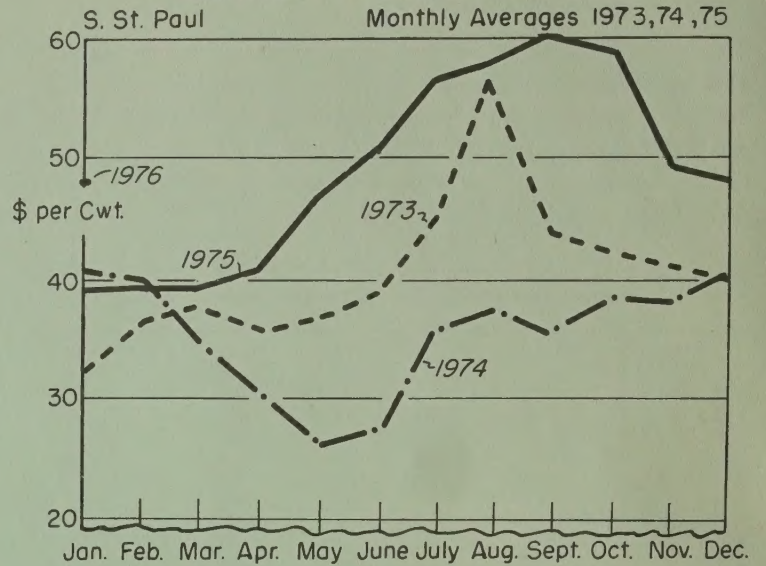
STEER MARKET DECLINES

Prices of good grade fed steers at St. Paul and feeder steers at Kansas City declined from December to January but the slaughter cow market improved. Good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$31.26 a hundredweight at the Kansas City market in January, down 49 cents from a month earlier but \$9.51 higher than January 1975.

Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$36.77 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market during January, a decline of \$2.83 from December but \$3.86 above a year ago. Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$24.89 a hundredweight for January, an increase of \$2.79 from the previous month and \$6.73 more than last year.

HOG MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged \$47.95 a hundredweight in January, down 21 cents from the previous month. However, prices of barrows and gilts for January averaged nearly \$9.00 above a year ago.

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